RAJYA SABHA

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The House met at eleven of the clock, The Vice-Chairman (Shri Jagesh Desai) in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of Tourist Spots in Andhra Pradesh

*241. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to grant financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh for development of various tourist spots in and around Warangal; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to extend the same facilities as are available for tourist develop ment in places like Hampi, Khaju-raho and other tourist spots?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DE-VELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM CSHRIMATI MOH-SINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

1.m J-he requirement of tourism infrastructure varie$_s$ from place to place depending upon the location of the place, its potential, tourist inflows,, etc. The Ministry would extend such facilities as are felt would meet th$_e$ tourist requirements of the place.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: The Minister says that ther$_e$ is a proposal under Government's consideration for grant of financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh for developing this particular spot around Warangal. If the answer is yes, I would like to know from the Minister as to what should be the possible financisl assistance that will be forthcoming for this place and how long will it take for the Government's final decision on developing this particular tourist

centre as a scheme under Central (assistance?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: There are nine on-going projects in Andhra Pradesh and ther$_e$ are near-about twentyfive new schemes under th$_e$ consideration of the Government. Out of these, sixteen schemes are for 1P88-89. For on-going schemes the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 166.83 lakhs and the money released is Rs. 55.50 lakhs.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Are you speaking about the particular scheme fair development of Warangal?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: For Raimappa: which is nearabout. Warangal, th$_e$ Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 20.81 lakhs for provision of additional accommoda-tion there and Rs. 5 lakhs has been released during. 1985-86. The additional accommodation wil? consist of eight cottages and restaurants with toilet facilities etc.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: On$_e$ of the criteria for building infrestruc-tural facilities as stated by the Minister i's location *oi* the place. 1 hope since Warangal is located in Andhra Pradesh,, that itself does not become anathema for the Government of India not to develop it. I hope not. However, in the case of Warangal. if is very rich in all aspects. The Ramappa Temple, about which the Minister mentioned earlier, is there. Then there is Vskla Lake. There is a thousand-oillar temole end there is th$_e$ Warangal Fort, Kakatia Fort. On the way *here is Tambarti Centre where bras-sware is developed. Then there is a Jain temple on the way. The'n there is Hclagiri Hill on th$_e$ way. So, this is a very rich place from any point of view, from the tourist point of view, from the development of artisan skills and display of things etc. points of view. Tn fact, in this

connection recently when the Minis ter for Human Resources Develop ment went to Warangal, which hap pens to be his native place, the templ$_e$ people there tried to explain to him how for want of proper main tenance a very important temple like the -Thousand-Pillar Temple is in decay. The Minister is reported to have viewed the things favourably. Therefore, I would like to know why there is a delay in developing this particular Warangal area, which is very rich and fair in architectural beauty, artisan skills and so on. Wh$_v$ is the delay? Why can't it be taken on par? We are very happy that they are developing Humpi. Similarly we are happy for development of Khajuraho But I would like to know from the Minis ter when from all points of view the conditions for development of tourist centre do exist in Warangal, why i$_s$ there delay in locating the tourist centre here?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA K1DWAI: Sir, there is no delay in locating the centre. It is the responsibility of the State Government to formulate its scheme and send it to the Government of India,, Ministry $_0$f Tourism to approve the scheme. In the Sixth Plan period it was decided by the Central Government fa consultation with the Government of Andhra Pradesh that the$_v$ will develop these three travel circuits in this area with the help of the State Government, Central Government and the private sector. So $_0$-3 this ver$_v$ basis. th$_e$ schemes were formulated bv the State Government. Many of them have been aoproved. If the Member desi're‍s, I can read out the details of the scheme which we have sanctioned for nine 'ongoing projects. I want to say that the State Government is not giving us the utilisation certificates and that is why the sanctioned money is not ,hein,g(released for certain projects. There is no delay on our part. In fact, we ar$_e$ trying our best to develop these centres in a nice way.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPEN-DRA: The Minister has mentioned about some ne$_w$ proposals sent by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. -One of them is setting up of a mini Disneyland in Hyderabad City for which the NRIs abroad have promised the entir$_e$ equipment in lieu of some house sites. The State Government has agreed to giv$_e$ it. But, unfortunately, the Union Government has not been able to give clearance for this project. In fact, they waated th$_e$ State Government to revise the proposal and submit a revised proposal which has already been ^ done bv the State Government. Will the Minister assure us that at least the revised proposal will be accepted by . her Ministry as well as the Finance Ministry so that this can be set $^{U}P^{?}$

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KFDWAI: Sir. the"e was a proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh hut they have not sought any financial assistance from our Ministry. They have asked us to recommend their case to th$_e$ Finance Ministry. A« Mr. Upendra has said, we have sent back the proposal to th$_e$ State Gov-ernmen end we are still awaiting the revised proposal. ~*\ ■»^*v

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MA HISHI: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Sir, Dr. Alch'n was a great archaeologist ^{an}d a ,great historian. H$_e$ visited Humni in Ksrnataka, Nalanda in Bihar, Lothal in Gujarat. These are three medieval townships and these have got to be maintained as tourist attraction spots also. Therefore, under these circumstances, I would like to know. Sir. what exact steps have been taken in this regard. I know that there wa$_s$ a lot of encroachment in all these three places and nothing has been done to prevent encroachment. There is no coordination between the Archaeolo. gical Department «nd the Tourist Department. The$_{3e}$ places are supposed to be under *b-Tourist De-

partment and the Archaeological Department. I do not know when ihere will be coordination and when it is going to take place. I shall be very happy if the Minister gives us a clear understanding that these three townships one in Gujarat, one in Karnataka and the othe'r one in Bihar will be developed and maintained as tourist spots.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: As far as Humpi in Karnataka is concerned, I can say something. But for the other two places a separate notice is required. For Humpi, the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 15.58 lakhs for construction of cafeteria-cukn-restaurant complex and Rs. 7.50 lakhs were released to the Government of Karnataka during 1983-84. The work has not yet started due to change of site. It is the fault of the State Government and not the Central Government.

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJIN1 MAHISHI: Sir, I would Iike to tell the Minister that Cafeteria has al ready been constructed and it is lying unused for the last 20 years. A proposal to construct a tourist hostel nearby is pending because permission was not given by the Archaeo-*lay*^ 8epartment. The State Government cannot do anything. We should ask the C.P.W.D. to do some-ihing so that students can go and get inspiration from these things.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Sir. it is a suggestion and I have noted it.

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Sir, the question is of a limited jurisdiction. But some related three general issues I want to raise and draw the attention of the Minister. One is development of tourist-related infrastructure. Theic ar« several other areas where tourist infi-as tucture needs to be developed. \ am particularly talking about TT.P.V Bihar and Orissa where .places of Buddhist interest are of considerable significance and meet their problem:? at the State Government level but given the State Government's performance, would the Minuter consider that at the level of the Central Gov ernment, not only Centrally financed, but Centrally executed and accelerated infrastructure! facilities development in places of Buddhist inte-test should be taken uc?

(b) So far it seems that the tou rism industry has worked or Tourism Ministry has worked more in terms of foreign exchange earning priori-ties or the number of foreign tourists arriving. Tourism is a great industry of promise in terms of development. Would the Minister kindly consider giving a hi'gher weightage to employment generation in the wrvice sector through the channels of tourist development?

(c) Tourism needs to develop but the chances are that the benefits of tourism generally bypass the local community. I will particularly mention the case of Leh. You go to Leh. A lot of activity is there but I war tuld that all the coofc for Leh in be tourist region are picked up from Delhi or Srinagar and to that extent the local benefits are not really coming to the people who des'.rve it. Would the Ministry consider this aspect in the new thrijst?

SHRMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI • Sir, it is a very long question and it is not related to this question. But for Buddh'st centres, one Committee was constituted and they have identified many places of tourist importance. Many projects are going on and we also want to identify some new projects. The hon. Member has rightly said that it is an industry. This Ministry is foreign exchange earner and we are thinking on all these terms to develop more and more tourist centres in order to attract foreign tourists as well as domestic tourists. We are also giving importance to domestic tourists.

SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal pending from the State Government with regard to the Amravati,, Guntu$_r$ District Buddhist centre and also about Nagarjunasagar in respect of the development of these two centres. The Nagarjunasaga" university was there in th$_e$ olden days and Buddhist centre is there in Amravati. Both are in very bad shape and there is no development. By maintaining them Properly, we can attract foreign tourists to both the .places but the State Government has not taken care to see it. I would like t$_0$ know whether it comes under the purview of the State Government or the Central Government and whether ther$_e$ is any proposal to improve both the centres.

SHRIMATI iMGHSINA KIDWAI: Sir, one proposal was sent to us in l»87-8!8 regarding water sports equipment in Nagarjunasagar and the .proposal has been approved in principle and in the next year, we will see that some funds are released for it.

SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: What about Amravati?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRT JAGESH DESAI): Please ask short and pointed questions.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Amravati is also included but it is unde$_r$ consideration.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Sir. the hon. Minister has said thst Tourism department is taking interest to develoo the tourist spots. Earlier also it has been assured that Andhra Pradesh is a rkh State so far as tourist centres are concerned but th$_e$ Tourism depart ment has neglected the State and has not taken anv proper steps As a matter of fact, not onl$_v$ Waranga\, Amravati and Nagarjunassgar but there are a number of tourist centres in different districts of Andhra Pradesh. For instance, Karimnagar. Then Arakuvalley. Then in Kurim nrgar, Vemulavada. Then in Mah-bubnagar district, there ar$_e$ a number of tourist centres and the Tourism department must chalk out in tensive programme to develop all these centres to attract not only the domestic tourists but also foreign tourists. Part (b) of my question is In order to attract and accommodate foreign and domestic tourists, is the Tourism Department taking any interest to construct hotels or motels or some restaurants anj if so, what are the details?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Sir, it is the work of the Tourism Department to identify the places of tourist attraction and develon them. But they cannot be developed in one day o$_r$ one year. If will take time.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: How many years? After independence, so many years have passed by.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: रेड्डी साहब ने कहा है कि डेमॉक्रेटिक टूरिस्ट्स का ख्याल रखा जाय।

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W$_e$ are constructing Yatri Niwases and other small places for domestic tourists. They can go and stay there.

SHRI B SATYANARAYAN REDDY: I want to know the details of these Yatri Niwases.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : श्रीमन्, मेरा एक पाइन्ट आफ आर्डर है। आप इस प्रश्न के अंग्रेजी और हिन्दी दोनों भागों को पढ़िये तो आप देखेंगे कि इसमें गलती है। राज्य सभा में यह बराबर से होता आ रहा है कि फ्लड की जगह ड्राउट कर देंगे और ड्राउट की जगह फ्लड कर देंगे । दोनों प्रश्नों को आप देखें तो ये दो तरह के हैं । इसमें अनुवाद भी गलत है और रेफरिएटम भी

गलत है। 'ए' में कुछ कहा है और 'क' में कुछ और कहा है। इसी तरह से 'बी' में कुछ है तो 'ख' में कुछ है। अगर सवाल गलत होगा तो जवाब भी गलत होगा।

दूसरी बात मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि आपने कहा कि यात्री निवास डोमेस्टिक टूरिस्ट्स के लिए भी बना रहे हैं, लेकिन मैं पूछना चाहता हूं कि आप कहां बना रहे हैं ? मेरे ख्याल से तो आप नहीं बना रहे हैं। मैं एक छोटा सा उदाहरण देना चाहता हूं। बिहार में देवघर है, वहां पर श्रावण मास में लाखों यात्री जाते हैं। वहां पर कुछ भी नहीं बनाया गया है।

श्रीमन्, यह अनुवाद की गलती का सवाल मैं कई बार उठा चुका हूं। हम लोग सवाल हिन्दी में लिखकर देते हैं, लेकिन विभागों के पास अंग्रेजी में सवाल भेजा जाता है। राज्य सभा सचिवालय में यह गलत परम्परा डेवलप हो गई है। सवाल हिन्दी में पूछा जाय तो आफिसरों से उसकी क्वेरी भी हिन्दी में होनी चाहिए।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI); I think,, against the first poinl he is correct. In future, care should be taken to see that it is correctly done.

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : सवाल का जवाब तो करेक्ट भेजा गया है ... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : जब एक आदमी के लिए सारी व्यवस्था हो सकती है तो यह व्यवस्था क्यों नहीं हो सकती है ?

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री जगेश देसाई) : मैं आपकी बात से सहमत हूं। अंग्रेजी में स्लिप लगी है, लेकिन हिन्दी में नहीं लगी है भविष्य में इस बारे में ज्यादा ध्यान दिया जाना चाहिए।

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : श्रीमन्, मैंने सिर्फ यह कहा है कि यात्री निवास में कम पैसे पर टूरिस्ट्स रह सकते हैं। यात्री निवास का कंस्ट्रक्शन हो रहा है। यात्री निवास के बनाने में और होटल्स के बनाने में कोई रेस्ट्रिक्शन नहीं है। यात्री निवास में लोग कम पैसे में रह सकते हैं। हम एक स्टार, दो स्टार और तीन स्टार होटल बना रहे हैं।

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : अगर आप बना रहे हैं तो आप उनकी लिस्ट दे दीजिये ताकि हम लोगों में आपकी प्रशंसा कर सकें।

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : जरूर दे देंगे।

Enforcement of the Guest Control Order due to Drought in the Country

*242. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:f

Will the Minister of FOOD AND j CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to enforce the Guest Control Order to check lavish entertainment on mar riages and other functions in view of the unprecedented drought in the country;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what other steps Government propose to take control conspicuous cnsumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES

tThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shr Parvathaneni Upendra.